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TAGS: ETRD GATT YO

SUBJ: YUGOSLAV IMPORT SURCHARGES

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1. YUGOSLAV EQUALIZATION TAX LEVIED ON IMPORTED MERCHANDISE HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM 5 TO 6 PERCENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY ONE BY A DECREE PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE #57/76 DECEMBER 31.
2. THIS WAS THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE NEW YEAR'S DAY MARKED BY AN INCREASE IN THE EQUALIZATION TAX. IT HAD BEEN HIKED FROM THREE TO FIVE PERCENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1976.
3. SECOND DECREEE EXTENDS 10 PERCENT "TEMPORARY" IMPORT SURCHARGE ANOTHER YEAR.
4. THE NEW INCREASE RAISES IMPORT TAXES IMPOSED IN ADDTIONA TO THE

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TARIFF TO A COMBINED RATE OF 17 PERCENT AD VALOREM BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS: 6 PERCENT EQUALIZATION TAX, 1 PERCENT CUSTOMS EVIDENCE TAX, AND 10 PERCENT "TEMPORAY" IMPORT SURCHARGE (THOUGH "TEMPORARY" SURCHARGE CAN BE APPLIED AT RATES FROM 7 TO 9 PERCENT IN SELECT CASES AS NOTED PARA 1D, REFTEL A). MOREOVER, VARIABLE ADDITIONAL SURCHARGE REMAINS APPLICABLE ON SOME 85 AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.

5. EXCEPT FOR NOMINAL DUTY CHARGED ON SOME IMPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND GATT ARTICLES, MINIMUM TARIFF REMAINS FIVE PERCENT AND DUTY ON FINISHED GOODS AT LEAST 25 PERCENT. THUS INCREASE IN EQUALIZATION TAX BRINGS TOTAL IMPORT LEVIES INCLUDING 5 PERCENT TARIFF TO 22 PERCENT ON SUCH SIGNIFICANT U.S. COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO YUGOSLAVIA AS UNREFINED SOYBEAN OIL, SOYBEAN CAKES AND MEALS. WITH RESPECT TO THE MANUFACTURED GOODS WHICH COMPRISE SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF U.S. EXPORTS TO YUGOSLAVIA, THE TOTAL LEVIES NOW WILL AMOUNT TO AT LEAST 42 PERCENT, INCLUDING DUTY, AND FREQUENTLY MORE.  
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